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tions ever offered in table

ware is the sparkling, heavy,

antique water, cream, saldas,

cups and fruits—half gold in

relief, on Emerald and Ruby

glass, known as the American

Beauty. Changeable as the

Opal and very attractive; singly

and in the usual six-piece

sets.

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THE AMERICAN FLAG.

As It Appeared Long Before Betty

Ross Made One.

Few persons have noticed the inter-

esting evolution on our flag of the

stripes and stars as depicted in the ar-

mory of the Ancients at the top of old

Faneuil hall. Most persons are familiar

with the story of Mrs. Ross and the

making of the first flag of the free.

But evidently it was not Mrs. Ross

who originated the idea of the stripes.

Down in the armory of the Ancients

you will see first the broad red flag

with the old English cross in its field.

Next a very similar flag, except that

the broad red becomes blue with no

red but in the cross itself on the white

field. Next the white flag, with its

pine tree and "Appeal to Heaven,"

whence came our own state banner.

Then it would appear that the fathers

went back again, for the next flag has

the red and white longitudinal stripes,

but in the field there are the crosses

of St. George and St. Andrew worked

out in red upon a white ground. The

next flag restores the blue to the field.

It, too, has the longitudinal red and

white stripes and the combined crosses

of St. George and St. Andrew, as in

the British flag, worked out in red

and white upon a blue field. It was

not till after that, upon the assertion

of independence by the colonies, that

Mrs. Ross's flag appeared, and appar-

ently she only substituted for the double

crosses the circle of thirteen stars

upon the blue field.

The red, white and blue and the red

and white stripes were all in the flag

generations before Mrs. Ross was

born, as the collection of the Ancients

demonstrates.—Boston Journal.

Refuge of the Universe.

"It was a heathen Indian legend that

when God made the world he swept

the universe of the refuse and cast it

into the sea, and when the white men

came from the rising place of the sun

they called the heap Newfoundland and

chose it for a dwelling place," says

Norman Duncan in *Ainslie's*. "It may

be so. In its remote parts Newfoundland

might easily be taken for the

leavings and rejected materials of the

work of creation, there cast away. It

is as fertile as an ash heap, which,

moreover, it resembles in that it con-

tains scraps of everything which en-

tered into the making of the world—

iron, copper, coal, gold and all other

treasures under the ground. The in-

terior is a soggy, rock strewn barren,

an interminably vast waste, where not

so much as a shrub is to be seen and

no man chooses to live. Stunted for-

ests fringe coast, a skinny growth of

pine and spruce and birch, through

which you may walk miles in vain

search for a schooner's spar. The

shore line is rock, in some places

swept by flood and fire bare of all

soil—grit, naked rock. To many a

Newfoundlander a sandy beach would

be as great a wonder as a horse."

Meerschaum Coat in Making.

A fire in a pipe-maker's shop the

other day spoiled the proprietor's stock

of meerschaum and incidentally dis-

posed of the idea, common in most

smokers' minds, that this commodity

is very expensive. Meerschaum itself

is not expensive. That used by the

manufacturers in this country is im-

ported as raw material from Austria,

but most of it is obtained in Asia

Minor. Usually there are three or four

different grades, running from the

rough and mixed to the pure and finely

grained article. There is no duty upon

it. The chunks, not unlike candle

candle in shape, are packed in oblong

boxes, about two feet and a half long,

a foot wide and a foot high. The raw

material is quite brittle and has to be

soaked in water before it is used for

smoking.

Meerschaum pipes are expensive be-

cause much of the material from which

the bowls are made has to be thrown

away before a piece is found that has

no flaws in it. The shavings, however,

are never wasted. They are used to

make a cheaper grade of pipes which

are known as chip meerschaums.—New

York Post.

Gifted With No Fatal Power.

Some months ago the father of a

young man who had recently entered

the married state had occasion to dis-

patch his faithful but somewhat out-

spoken old servant to his son's resi-

dence.

When he returned, eager to learn the

old man's opinion of the lady, he asked:

"Well, you saw the bride, Thomas?"

"Tigh; Av seed her."

"She's a very rich lady, Thomas?"

"Tigh; so she is, Av seed yer."

"Well, then, what's your own private

opinion, Thomas, eh?"

"Av think she's a very bonny wench

to tawk to as well as bein' rich and

cliver; but, misther, iv beauty's a sin

she wain't bat 'that to answer fur!'"